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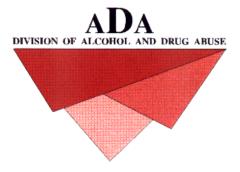
Consumer Satisfaction

for

Phoenix Programs, Inc. Columbia

Community-based Services

Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Missouri Department of Mental Health



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	Total :	5erved	A	gency Survey Retur	ns
	State	Agency	Total Consumers Total Agency	Total Consumers Residential	Total Consumers Non-Residential
SEX Male	59.9%	92.1%	92.1%	100.0%	90.0%
Female	40.1%	7.9%	7.9%	0%	10.0%
RACE White	68.4%	77.1%	66.7%	73.7%	64.8%
Black	30.0%	20.7%	26.7%	21.1%	28.2%
Hispanic	0.3%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Native American	0.4%	0%	3.3%	0%	4.2%
Pacific Islander	0.2%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Other	0.8%	2.1%	3.3%	5.3%	2.8%
MEAN AGE			32.61	37.11	31.46
0-17	10.7%	0%	0%	0%	0%
18-49	84.7%	97.9%	96.6%	94.4%	97.1%
50+	4.6%	2.1%	3.4%	5.6%	2.9%

Sample Size: Total Agency

Information is based on the number of returned forms and the number of people served according to DMH billing records.

Number	Number	Number	Percent of	Percent of				
Served	Forms	Forms	Served	Forms Sent				
April 2000	Sent	Returned	Returned	Returned				
9142		1972	21.6%					
165		91	55.2%					
RESIDENTIAL:								
CON	ISUMERS							
1446		562	38.9%					
25		19	76.0%					
25		19	76.0%					
FAMIL	Y MEMBER	15						
	10	3		30.0%				
CON	ISUMERS							
7696		1410	18.3%					
140		72	51.4%					
140		72	51.4%					
FAMILY MEMBERS								
	80	2		2.5%				
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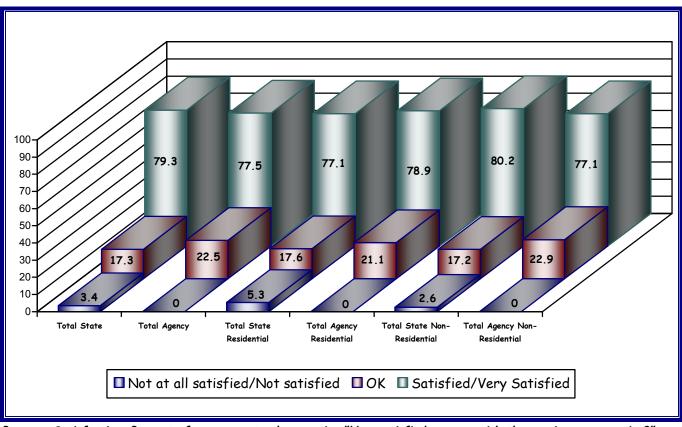
Services for the Deaf or Hard of Hearing: Total Agency

The following represents the percentage of affirmative responses for each item. Item 1(a) "Do you use sign language?" reflects the percent of only those who are deaf or hard of hearing who use sign language. Item 1(b) "Did this agency have signing staff?" reflects the percentage of agencies that deaf or hard of hearing consumers identified as having signing staff available for those who use sign language.

	Overall Totals		Total Residential		Total Non-Residential	
	State	Agency	State	Agency	State	Agency
1. Are you deaf or hard of hearing?	5.2%	2.2%	5.2%	0%	5.2%	2.8%
1(a). If yes, do you use sign language?	7.6%	66.7%	0%	0%	10.6%	66.7%
1(b). If yes, did this agency have signing staff?	17.0%	100.0%	13.3%	0%	18.4%	100.0%
2. Did this agency use interpreters?	8.3%	5.6%	9.4%	0%	7.9%	6.9%

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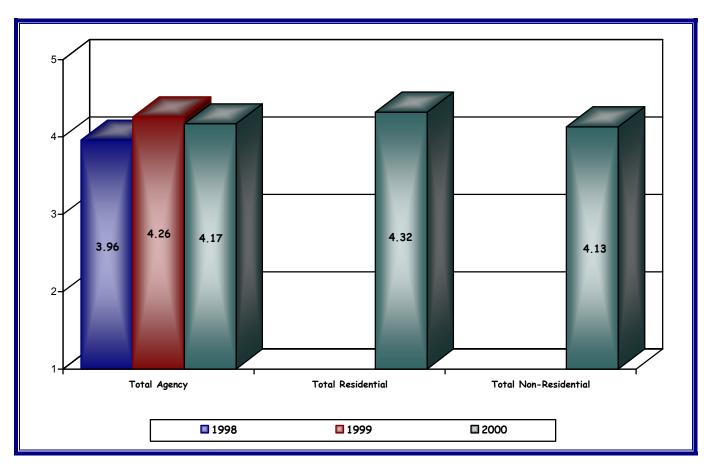
Overall Satisfaction with Services: Total Agency



Program Satisfaction: Percent of responses to the question "How satisfied are you with the services you receive?"

- Overall, 79.3% of the individuals served by the Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse were "satisfied" or "very satisfied" with their services.
- The percent of individuals served by this agency who rated it as "satisfied" or "very satisfied" was slightly lower than the state average (77.5% for this agency versus 79.3% for the state).
- The total State Residential Program had a rating of 77.1% as "satisfied" or "very satisfied". This agency's Residential Program was rated higher, with a rating of 78.9%.
- The total State Non-Residential Program had a rating of 80.2% as "satisfied" or "very satisfied". This agency's Non-Residential Program was rated slightly lower, with a rating of 77.1% "satisfied" or "very satisfied" with services.

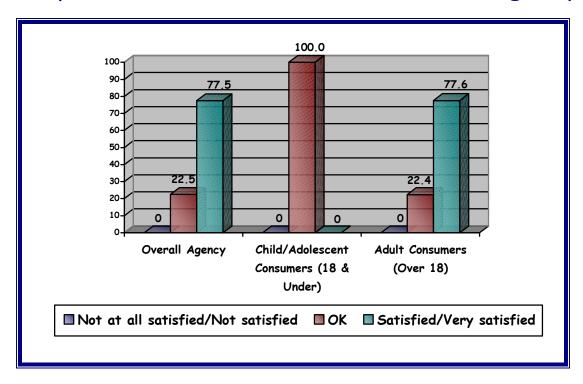
Service Means Comparison of 1998, 1999 & 2000: Total Agency



Comparison of 1998, 1999 & 2000 Mean Ratings This was the first year the Satisfaction Survey was broken down to represent the Total Residential consumers separate from the Total Non-Residential consumers. Thus, there are no ratings from 1998 or 1999.

- The mean satisfaction with services rating for this agency was 3.96 in 1998, 4.26 in 1999 and 4.17 in 2000.
- The mean satisfaction with services rating for 2000 has remained consistent with the previous year.

Overall Satisfaction with Services Comparison of Adults & Children: Total Agency



	Total Agency Consumers (a)	Child/Adolescent Consumers 18 & Under	Adult Consumers Over 18
Not at all satisfied/	-	-	-
Not satisfied	(0)	(0)	(0)
OK	22.5%	100.0%	22.4%
OK	(20)	(1)	(19)
Satisfied/Very	77.5%	-	77.6%
satisfied	(69)	(0)	(66)
Overall Mean Rating of Satisfaction with Services	4.17 (89)	3.00 (1)	4.15 (85)

(a) All consumers did not specify their age. Therefore the number of child/adolescent and adult consumers does not add to the total agency consumer number.

The key finding was:

• For both the percent of consumers satisfied with services and the mean satisfaction with services ratings, the adult consumers were more satisfied than the child/adolescent consumer.

Satisfaction with Services: Total Agency

		,			
	Total Resid		dential	Total Non- Residential Consumers	
State	Agency	State	Agency	State	Agency
4.22	4.22	4.16	4.58	4.26	4.12
(1915)	(88)	(546)	(19)	(1160)	(69)
4.08	4.07	4.00	4.32	4.13	4.00
(1911)	(87)	(545)	(19)	(1157)	(68)
4.21	4.17	4.20	4.26	4.24	4.14
(1919)	(89)	(548)	(19)	(1164)	(70)
4.11	4.15	4.10	4.39	4.12	4.09
(1907)	(88)	(542)	(18)	(1158)	(70)
4.16	4.07	4.19	4.21	4.15	4.03
(1898)	(88)	(543)	(19)	(1150)	(69)
4.29	4.30	4.27	4.53	4.31	4.24
(1876)	(89)	(530)	(19)	(1142)	(70)
4.20	4.17	4.14	4.32	4.24	4.13
(1915)	(89)	(546)	(19)	(1162)	(70)
4.08	4.00	-	-	4.10	4.00
(1373)	(70)	(0)	(0)	(1165)	(70)
4.07	4.47	4.07	4.47	-	-
(548)	(19)	(548)	(19)	(0)	(0)
4.10	4.42	4.10	4.42	-	-
(547)	(19)	(547)	(19)	(0)	(0)
3.51	4.16	3.51	4.16	-	-
(537)	(19)	(537)	(19)	(0)	(0)
3.81	4.16	3.81	4.16	-	-
(528)	(19)	(528)	(19)	(0)	(0)
3.98	-	3.98	-	-	-
(43)	(0)	(43)	(0)	(0)	(0)
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The first number represents a mean rating.

Scale: 1=Not at all satisfied . . . 5=Very satisfied.

The number in parentheses represents the number responding to this item.

Some of the key findings were:

- The participants in the Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Programs were satisfied with the services they received. For the first seven questions where both Residential and Non-Residential consumers responded, all mean ratings were above a mean rating of 4.00 (1=not satisfied...5=very satisfied). The ratings of this agency on those seven questions ranged from 4.07 to 4.30.
- The ratings of the Residential Program for this agency ranged from 4.16 to 4.58. The highest rated item was with the staff who serve the consumer and the lowest rated items were with opportunities for exercise/relaxation and meals are good, nutritious and in sufficient amounts.
- The ratings of the Non-Residential Program for this agency ranged from 4.00 to 4.24. The
 highest rated item was that the agency staff respect the consumer's ethnic and cultural
 background and the lowest rated items were with how much staff know about how to get things
 done and that services are provided in a timely manner.

Satisfaction with Quality of Life: Total Agency

	Total Consumers		Total Residential Consumers		Non-Res	tal sidential umers
How satisfied are you	State	Agency	State	Agency	State	Agency
with how you spend your day?	3.69	3.68	3.56	3.79	3.77	3.65
	(1904)	(90)	(544)	(19)	(1155)	(71)
with where you live?	3.77	3.82	3.79	3.79	3.77	3.83
	(1885)	(88)	(541)	(19)	(1143)	(69)
with the amount of choices	3.63	3.51	3.67	3.63	3.65	3.48
you have in your life?	(1917)	(90)	(544)	(19)	(1163)	(71)
with the opportunities/ chances you have to make friends?	3.82 (1907)	3.82 (90)	3.97 (544)	4.11 (19)	3.80 (1155)	3.75 (71)
with your general health	3.80	3.74	3.82	3.74	3.84	3.74
care?	(1872)	(87)	(533)	(19)	(1131)	(68)
with what you do during your free time?	3.74	3.79	3.60	3.53	3.84	3.86
	(1897)	(90)	(538)	(19)	(1151)	(71)
How safe do you feel						
in this facility? <i>(Residential Only)</i>	4.25	4.21	4.25	4.21	-	-
	(547)	(19)	(547)	(19)	(0)	(0)
in your home?	4.26	4.48	4.19	4.12	4.36	4.57
	(1897)	(89)	(530)	(17)	(1160)	(72)
in your neighborhood?	4.08	4.20	3.96	3.82	4.19	4.30
	(1894)	(88)	(532)	(17)	(1158)	(71)

The first number represents a mean rating.

How satisfied are you? Scale: 1=Not at all satisfied . . . 5=Very satisfied.

How safe do you feel? Scale: 1=Not at all safe . . . 5=Very safe.

The number in parentheses represents the number responding to this item.

Some of the key findings were:

- The quality of life ratings were significantly below the Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse service ratings.
- Overall, the consumers served by this agency were most satisfied with how safe they feel in their home (mean of 4.48). They were least satisfied with the amount of choices they have in their life (mean of 3.51).
- The consumers in the Residential Program were most satisfied with how safe they feel in this facility (mean of 4.21) and least satisfied with what they do during their free time (mean of 3.53).
- The consumers in the Non-Residential Program were most satisfied with how safe they feel in their home (mean of 4.57) and least satisfied with the amount of choices in their life (mean of 3.48).

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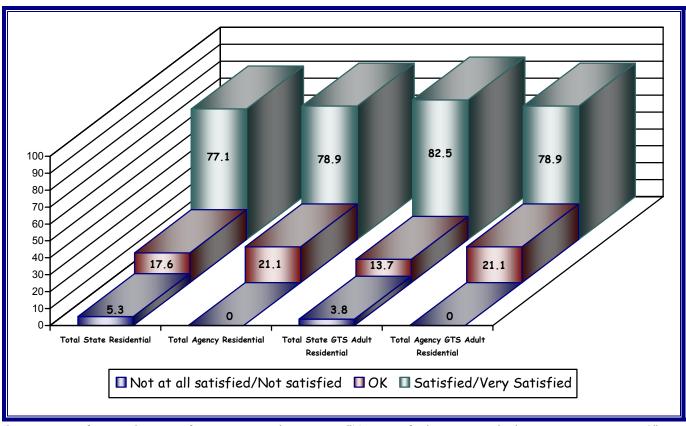
Agency: Pathways Community Behavioral Healthcare, Inc.

Data: Total Agency Residential

Demographics: Residential

	Total S	Served	Agency Sur	vey Returns
	State	Agency	Total Consumers Residential	GTS Adult Consumers
SEX Male	62.9%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Female	37.1%	0%	0%	0%
RACE White	69.9%	76.9%	73.7%	73.7%
Black	28.6%	19.2%	21.1%	21.1%
Hispanic	0.1%	0%	0%	0%
Native American	0.4%	0%	0%	0%
Pacific Islander	0.2%	0%	0%	0%
Other	0.8%	3.8%	5.3%	5.3%
MEAN AGE 0-17 18-49	81.8%	0% 96.2%	37.11 0% 94.4%	37.11 0% 94.4%
50+	4.1%	3.8%	5.6%	5.6%

Overall Satisfaction with Services: Residential



Program Satisfaction: Percent of responses to the question "How satisfied are you with the services you receive?"

- Overall, 77.1% of the individuals served by the Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Residential facilities were "satisfied" or "very satisfied" with their services.
- The percent of individuals served by this agency's Residential Program who rated it as "satisfied" or "very satisfied" was higher than the state average (78.9% for this agency versus 77.1% for the state). It was rated lower than the State GTS Adult program (82.5%).

Satisfaction with Services: Residential

	То	tal	<i>G</i> TS	Adult		
	Resid	ential	Resid	ential		
	Consu	ımers	Consi	ımers		
How satisfied are you	State	Agency	State	Agency		
	4.16	4.58	4.31	4.58		
with the staff who serve you?	(546)	(19)	(318)	(19)		
with how much your staff know about	4.00	4.32	4.15	4.32		
how to get things done?	(545)	(19)	(315)	(19)		
with how staff keep things about you	4.20	4.26	4.33	4.26		
and your life confidential?	(548)	(19)	(318)	(19)		
that your treatment plan has what you	4.10	4.39	4.20	4.39		
want in it?	(542)	(18)	(313)	(18)		
that your treatment plan is being	4.19	4.21	4.28	4.21		
followed by those who assist you?	(543)	(19)	(314)	(19)		
that the agency staff respect your	4.27	4.53	4.33	4.53		
ethnic and cultural background?	(530)	(19)	(305)	(19)		
	4.14	4.32	4.26	4.32		
with the services that you receive?	(546)	(19)	(315)	(19)		
that the staff treats you with	4.07	4.47	4.23	4.47		
respect, courtesy, caring and kindness?	(548)	(19)	(319)	(19)		
that the environment is clean and	4.10	4.42	4.31	4.42		
comfortable?	(547)	(19)	(319)	(19)		
with opportunities for exercise and	3.51	4.16	3.72	4.16		
relaxation?	(537)	(19)	(310)	(19)		
that the meals are good, nutritious and	3.81	4.16	4.10	4.16		
in sufficient amounts?	(528)	(19)	(297)	(19)		
with the childcare provided by the	3.98	-	-	-		
agency?	(43)	(0)	(0)	(0)		
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The first number represents a mean rating.

Scale: 1=Not at all satisfied . . . 5=Very satisfied.

The number in parentheses represents the number responding to this item

Some of the key findings were:

- The participants in the Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Residential Programs were satisfied with the services they received. Only three ratings fell below a mean rating of 4.00 (1=not satisfied...5=very satisfied).
- The ratings of the Residential Program for this agency ranged from 4.16 to 4.58. The highest rated item was with the staff who serve the consumer and the lowest rated items were with opportunities for exercise and relaxation and that meals are good, nutritious and in sufficient amounts.

Satisfaction with Quality of Life: Residential

Total GTS Adult					
	_				
		ential	Residential		
	Consi	ımers	Consi	ımers	
How satisfied are you	State	Agency	State	Agency	
with how you spend your day?	3.56	3.79	3.72	3.79	
	(544)	(19)	(314)	(19)	
1 1: 0	3.79	3.79	3.86	3.79	
with where you live?	(541)	(19)	(312)	(19)	
with the amount of choices you have in	3.67	3.63	3.80	3.63	
your life?	(544)	(19)	(315)	(19)	
with the opportunities/ chances you	3.97	4.11	4.02	4.11	
have to make friends?	(544)	(19)	(315)	(19)	
حصوم والجارم والمحموم ومردي والجنين	3.82	3.74	3.92	3.74	
with your general health care?	(533)	(19)	(310)	(19)	
with what you do during your free	3.60	3.53	3.70	3.53	
time?	(538)	(19)	(312)	(19)	
How safe do you feel		•	•		
to all the Coultry	4.25	4.21	4.34	4.21	
in this facility	(547)	(19)	(318)	(19)	
in hama2	4.19	4.12	4.19	4.12	
in your home?	(530)	(17)	(308)	(17)	
in	3.96	3.82	4.01	3.82	
in your neighborhood?	(532)	(17)	(311)	(17)	
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The first number represents a mean rating.

How satisfied are you? Scale: 1=Not at all satisfied . . . 5=Very satisfied. How safe do you feel? Scale: 1=Not at all safe . . . 5=Very safe.

The number in parentheses represents the number responding to this item.

- The quality of life ratings were significantly below the Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse service ratings.
- The consumers in the Residential Program were most satisfied with how safe they feel in this facility (mean of 4.21) and least satisfied with what they do during their free time (mean of 3.53).

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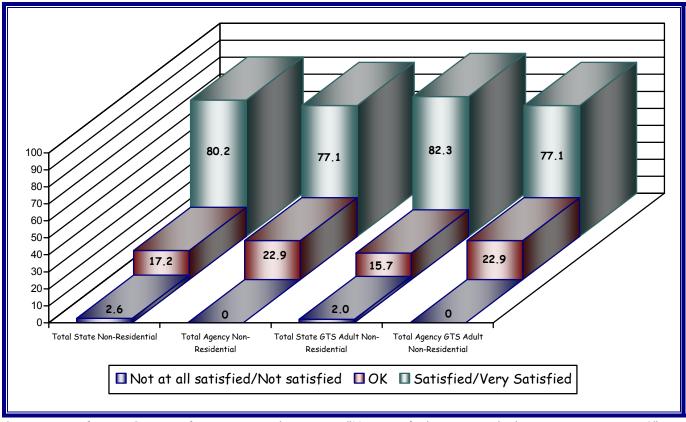
Agency: Pathways Community Behavioral Healthcare, Inc.

Data: Total Agency Non-Residential

Demographics: Non-Residential

	Total S	Served	Agency Sur	vey Returns
	State	Agency	Total Consumers Non- Residential	GTS Adult Consumers
SEX Male	56.8%	91.8%	90.0%	90.0%
Female	43.2%	8.2%	10.0%	10.0%
RACE White	68.0%	76.9%	64.8%	64.8%
Black	30.4%	20.9%	28.2%	28.2%
Hispanic	0.3%	0%	0%	0%
Native American	0.4%	0%	4.2%	4.2%
Pacific Islander	0.1%	0%	0%	0%
Other	0.8%	2.2%	2.8%	2.8%
MEAN AGE			31.46	31.46
0-17	10.8%	0%	0%	0%
18-49	82.4%	97.8%	97.1%	97.1%
50+	6.7%	2.2%	2.9%	2.9%

Overall Satisfaction with Services: Non-Residential



Program Satisfaction: Percent of responses to the question "How satisfied are you with the services you receive?"

- Overall, 80.2% of the individuals served by the Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Non-Residential facilities were "satisfied" or "very satisfied" with their services.
- The percent of individuals served by this agency's Non-Residential Program who rated it as "satisfied" or "very satisfied" was lower than the state average (77.1% for this agency versus 80.2% for the state). It was also rated lower than the State GTS Adult program (82.3%).

Satisfaction with Services: Non-Residential

	Total	Non-	GTS Ad	ult Non-
	Residential		Residential	
	Consu	ımers	Consi	ımers
How satisfied are you	State	Agency	State	Agency
with the staff who serve you?	4.24	4.12	4.28	4.12
·	(1369)	(69)	(494)	(69)
with how much your staff know about	4.11	4.00	4.17	4.00
how to get things done?	(1366)	(68)	(490)	(68)
with how staff keep things about you and	4.21	4.14	4.27	4.14
your life confidential?	(1371)	(70)	(498)	(70)
that your treatment plan has what you	4.12	4.09	4.13	4.09
want in it?	(1365)	(70)	(492)	(70)
that your treatment plan is being	4.14	4.03	4.19	4.03
followed by those who assist you?	(1355)	(69)	(489)	(69)
that the agency staff respect your	4.29	4.24	4.33	4.24
ethnic and cultural background?	(1346)	(70)	(493)	(70)
with the services that you receive?	4.23	4.13	4.28	4.13
	(1369)	(70)	(497)	(70)
that services are provided in a timely	4.08	4.00	4.17	4.00
manner?	(1373)	(70)	(499)	(70)

The first number represents a mean rating.

Scale: 1=Not at all satisfied . . . 5=Very satisfied.

The number in parentheses represents the number responding to this item

Some of the key findings were:

- The participants in the Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Non-Residential Programs were satisfied with the services they received. Ratings were above a mean rating of 4.00 (1=not satisfied...5=very satisfied).
- The ratings of the Non-Residential Program for this agency ranged from 4.00 to 4.24. The highest rated item was that the agency staff respect the consumer's ethnic and cultural background and the lowest rated items were with how much staff know about how to get things done and that services are provided in a timely manner.

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Satisfaction with Quality of Life: Non-Residential

	Total Non-Residential		GTS Adult Non-Residential			
		ımers		ımers		
How satisfied are you	State	Agency	State	Agency		
with how you spend your day?	3.74	3.65	3.84	3.65		
	(1360)	(71)	(494)	(71)		
with where you live?	3.77	3.83	3.79	3.83		
	(1344)	(69)	(492)	(69)		
with the amount of choices you have in your life?	3.62	3.48	3.70	3.48		
	(1373)	(71)	(498)	(71)		
with the opportunities/ chances you have to make friends?	3.76	3.75	3.80	3.75		
	(1363)	(71)	(495)	(71)		
with your general health care?	3.80	3.74	3.85	3.74		
	(1339)	(68)	(491)	(68)		
with what you do during your free	3.79	3.86	3.85	3.86		
time?	(1359)	(71)	(495)	(71)		
How safe do you feel						
in your home?	4.29	4.57	4.38	4.57		
	(1367)	(72)	(497)	(72)		
in your neighborhood?	4.12	4.30	4.20	4.30		
	(1362)	(71)	(496)	(71)		
The first number represents a mean rating.						

How satisfied are you? Scale: 1=Not at all satisfied . . . 5=Very satisfied. How safe do you feel? Scale: 1=Not at all safe . . . 5=Very safe.

The number in parentheses represents the number responding to this item.

Some of the key findings were:

- · The quality of life ratings were significantly below the Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse service ratings.
- · The consumers in the Non-Residential Program were most satisfied with how safe they feel in their home (mean of 4.57) and least satisfied with the amount of choices in their life (mean of 3.48).

Previous Feedback

The last page of the survey offered people the opportunity to address any issues by writing in comments. These hand-written comments were copied and faxed back to your agency as they were received. The primary purposes for this action was to allow for immediate feedback from the people you serve, to give you the opportunity to make any necessary improvements, and to pass along compliments to your staff.

Sampling Methodology

Consumer Satisfaction Forms were given to people served by ADA and CPS during April 2000. For MRDD, data was collected through interviews.

People who received services from more than one program or agency received more than one survey. Therefore, some people completed more than one survey.

While this method may not have achieved a sufficient sample size to represent the opinions of all people who receive services from each provider, the survey has provided people with an opportunity to express their opinions and concerns. Giving the majority of people who receive DMH services a quick and simple way to express opinions and concerns about service quality is a major aim of this process.

Use of Data and Quality Improvement

The methods of data collection, the survey content and the survey results should all be considered in terms of quality improvement. The Missouri Department of Mental Health Satisfaction Survey has been designed as a quality improvement process, not as traditional mental health research.

There are two primary uses of this data. First, this data gives the Department of Mental Health an expression of the level of satisfaction of the people served by the Missouri DMH system as a whole.

Second, this data is designed to support quality improvement processes at the provider level. Each provider will have a basis upon which to compare the level of satisfaction of the people who receive services at their agency with other providers of their type and the state as a whole. This comparison makes it possible for each provider to improve the quality of the services they offer. In addition, each provider can get a clear idea of some of the issues that are important to the people they serve.

It is important to understand the context of services at each agency when interpreting the meaning of survey results. Differences in the population served at each agency, variations in service provision, and particular cultural characteristics of the community in which services take place must be taken into account as providers use this information to improve the quality of services. This report does not attempt to take into account these variations. As your agency engages in quality improvement, it is your responsibility to understand and take into account these local variations in order to make the most of the information contained within this report.

Please forward any suggestions for improvement of the survey process to Gary Harbison, Outcomes, Missouri Department of Mental Health, PO Box 687, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102. Additional information about survey results may be obtained by contacting Christine Rinck, Ph.D., University of Missouri-Kansas City Institute for Human Development, 2220 Holmes, 3rd Floor, Kansas City, Missouri 64108.